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SUBJ: JAPANESE SAFETY STANDARDS - SMALL BOAT ENGINE
INSPECTION AND LICENSING SYSTEM

REF: STATE 147619

1. ACCORDING TO SHIP INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, TRANSPORT MINISTRY (MOT), DRAFTING OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS RELATING TO AMENDED SHIP SAFETY LAW NOT YET COMPLETED. MOT NOW EXPECTS PUBLISH REGULATIONS IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1.

2. RE QUERTY IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REFTTEL, EMBASSY CAN ONLY OBSERVE THAT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AMENDED SHIP SAFETY LAW PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE GONE THROUGH ELABORATE JAPANESE "CONSENSUS PROCESS" OF DECISION MAKING BEFORE THEY ARE FINALIZED FOR PUBLICATION IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE. IN GENERAL IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SUCH DECISIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IF BIA DOES FIND THAT THESE REGULATIONS ARE LIKELY TO DAMAGE SALES OF U.S.- MADE SMALL BOAT ENGINES IN JAPAN, EMBASSY OF COURSE WILL SEEK APPROPRIATE REMEDY.
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